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This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action of the Examiner mailed May 18, 2007, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on August 18, 2007. This response is filed within the set priority period such that no extension of time is necessary.

Please consider the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.